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PROCUREMENT OF JUTE BY JCI
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the production of raw jute during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) the details of procurement of raw jute by Jute Corporation of India (JCI) as percentage of total jute production;

(c) whether there have been reports of distress sales of raw jute below the set Minimum Support Price (MSP);

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government in ensuring higher yield of raw jute and to ensure the production of better quality of raw jute in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b): The details of production of raw jute and the procurement of raw jute by JCI as percentage of total jute production, during last three years and the current year is as under:-

(In lakh bales of 180 kg each)

Year	Raw Jute Production	Procurement of raw jute by JCI	Procurement of raw jute by JCI as percentage of total Jute Production (%)
2011-12	102.50	1.540	1.5
2012-13	93.00	3.638	3.9
2013-14	90.00	1.902	2.1
2014-15 (estimated)	86.00	0.836	1.0

(c): No, Madam.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): Government of India has taken up various steps for ensuring higher yield of raw jute and to ensure production of better quality of raw jute in the country. Some of these steps are as under:-

i) Government had implemented Mini Mission- II of Jute Technology Mission to enhance production & productivity of jute & mesta from 2006-2007 to 2013-14. From 2014-15, the Mini Mission II of Jute Technology Mission has been subsumed under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Food Security Mission (NFSM) Commercial Crop Programme.

ii) Government has allocated an amount of Rs.7.00 crore for jute development programme under NFSM during 2014-15. Under NFSM, support is provided for jute & mesta seed production, frontline demonstration on alternate retting technology, Front Line Demonstration (FLD) on production technology/intercropping besides national level trainings through Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), etc., and state level training through the State Department of Agriculture.

iii) The Jute Corporation of India Limited (JCI) has undertaken Pilot Projects to improve productivity and quality of jute institutionalizing modern practices alongwith training in Siliguri, Murshidabad, Hooghly in West Bengal, Guwahati in Assam under financial support of National Jute Board.

iv) For improved retting technology, a pilot project on enzyme based retting technology on ribbon was also undertaken by Jute Corporation of India in collaboration with Novozymes South Asia Pvt. Ltd., Denmark.

v) Demonstrations on mechanical ribbon retting using high speed decorticator machines have been organized by Jute Corporation of India in all major jute growing states.